

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 32-77 are pending.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 32, 52, 53, 55, and 57 and cancelled claims 51, 58-59, and 78-94 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 32-94, prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims 32, 52, 53, 55, and 57 were amended and claims 51, 58-59, and 78-94 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 32-94, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 55-56 and 59 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 59 depends from claim 58, which depends from claim 51, which depends from claim 32. Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of dependent claims 51, 58, and 59 into independent claim 32 to place claim 32 in condition for allowance. Therefore, claim 32, and its dependent claims 33-50, 52-54, 57, and 60-77 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 55 depends from claim 54, which depends from claim 53, which depends from 51, which depends from claim 32. Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of dependent claims 51, 53, and 54 into claim 55. Therefore, claim 55, and its dependent claim 56, are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 filed on 10/29/07 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 32-94 based upon Final Report.

The Examiner also indicates that the declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 filed on 10/29/07 is not sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 32-54, 57-58, and 60-94 based upon Project Plan. Applicant respectfully traverses, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance.

Claims 32 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Project Plan (hereinafter PP) Name Searching Research Project Phase 2, 6/14/1996, pages 1-18, in view of ANCE-E ("Software Design Description Automatic Name Classifier Fro CLASS-E (ANC-E), 3/19/1998, pages 1-60).

Applicant respectfully traverses, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 32 to place it in condition for allowance, and, therefore, the rejection is moot as to claim 32. Claim 78 has been cancelled, and, therefore, this rejection is moot as to claim 78.

Claims 32-52, 58, 61-63, 66, 70, 76-89, and 93-94 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshika et al. ("Improved Retrieval of Foreign Names From Large Database", 1998) in view of Project Plan and further in view of ANCE-E.

Applicant respectfully traverses, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 32 to place it in condition for allowance, and, therefore, the rejection is moot as to claim 32 and its dependent claims 31-50, 52, 61-63, 66, 70, and 76-77. Claims 51, 58, 78-89 and 93-94 have been cancelled, and, therefore, this rejection is moot as to claims 51, 58, 78-89 and 93-94.

Claims 53-54, 57, 60, 64-65, 67-69, 71-75, and 90-92 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshika et al. ("Improved Retrieval of Foreign Names From Large Database", 1998) in view of Project Plan and ANCE-E, and further in view of Hermansen ("Automatic Name Searching in Large Data Bases of International Names," 1985).

Applicant respectfully traverses, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 32 to place it in condition for allowance, and, therefore, the rejection is moot as to claim 32 and its dependent claims 53-54, 57, 60, 64-65, 67-69, 71-75. Claims 90-92 have been cancelled, and, therefore, this rejection is moot as to claims 90-92.

Conclusion

Applicant has not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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